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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High  
Cost  
Universal Service Support: WC Docket No. 05-337: In the Matter of Federal-  
State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This Notice of *Ex Parte* meeting is provided to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules on behalf of Great Plains Communications, Inc. of Blair, Nebraska.

On November 14, 2007 Ken Pfister and John Jordison of Great Plains Communications, Inc, Nick Paden of Telec Consulting Resources, and I met with Mr. Simon ffitch regarding the Universal Service Joint Board's Recommended Decision to place an interim cap on CETCs and its impending recommended decision regarding long term universal service reform.

We expressed support for an interim cap on CETCs and for the principles articulated by the Joint Board in the statement it released on September 6, 2007. We also discussed key aspects of the Nebraska state universal service fund.

Sincerely,

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